

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 8th December 2020

The meeting convened online via Zoom Conference software at 7-00 p.m. present:

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), G Ffrancon (Vice Chair), G Richards, P Blunn, M Bowmer, A Jenkins, H Davies, S Weller, I Whitehurst, C Williams, G Lawrence, and W Morgan

193/2020: RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR D Thomas: The Clerk reported that Councillor Dafydd Thomas had resigned from Council for personal reasons. Council asked that an appropriate letter be sent to him thanking him for his work on behalf of the Community. Councillor Ffrancon offered to translate the letter into Welsh.

194/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllrs D Snell, F Wagstaff and R Jenkins

195/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

196/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL No-one had requested the use of this facility.

197/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 10th November 2020 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the meeting on 10th November 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

198/2020: COVID-19 UPDATE

There has been little change since the last meeting although the rise in the number of infections is worrying. The halls are both in use although numbers are falling as we get closer to Christmas. Council continues to follow the Government guidelines to make our venues as safe as possible. The Halls will be closed for 2 weeks over the Festive period from 21st December and will reopen on 4th January 2021.

199/2020: UPDATE ON COEDGWILYM PARK

Negotiations continue over the finalisation of the lease; the main issue remains the proposed location of the Community Pavilion. It was agreed that Council go back through our solicitor to Swansea to finalise the lease and see if a mutually acceptable compromise could be found. There is a technical issue with the sublets which need to start on the day Council takes over but that should not be insurmountable, either by assignation of the sublets or by new sublets starting on the same day.

200/2020: APPROVAL OF THE 21/22 BUDGET AND ANNUAL PRECEPT.

This matter was discussed at length at the Facilities and Events meeting on 23rd November. Council faces a big increase in expenditure when the park is taken over but is conscious that times are hard. The proposal that the Precept be increased by 5% to £121,973.42 was approved and the Clerk will report this to the City and County of Swansea. This will mean an increase of £2.17 per annum per property in the village.

201/2020: HIGH STREET GRANTS/ LOCAL BUSINESS REGENERATION

This matter was carried forward to the January meeting.

202/2020 SETTING UP COUNCIL WELLBEING OBJECTIVES

This matter was carried forward to the January meeting.

203/2020 REVISION OF WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS

This matter was carried forward to the January meeting.

204/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Events Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. The main matters discussed were:-

1. As the chairman has resigned from Council and new chair of the Committee will need to be appointed and the matter will be placed on the Agenda for the January meeting.
2. A new radiator has been fitted in the office and the painting and redecorating has been completed. Thanks to Cllr Bowmer and Weller for their efforts.
3. The proposal to have new Christmas lights will have to wait for a date in the future when the streetlights can be upgraded. Council has indicated that they would be prepared to contribute to the cost. The clerk will set a reminder in his calendar for July.
4. Council will approach the man who carried out the digging work to see if he could do the concrete work for the gates at Cae Charles.
5. Trees and selection boxes have been distributed. Cllr Bowmer will make up hampers for the staff.
6. The Clerk reported that the audit of the Annual Return had been completed. There are 2 very minor comments one a missing N/A under the Trust Accounts section (Council has never had such an account) and the other relating to the budgets prepared to help Councillors decide on the following years precept. The final Annual Return was formally approved and has been uploaded to the Council website.
7. Councillor Bowmer will purchase some more selection boxes and a sum of £100 was authorised.

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8. The recommendations of the committee for grants from the Community Fund were approved and the Clerk will notify the recipients.

Swansea Canal Society	£500.00	Refurbishment of new building
First Strike Martial Arts	£500.00	New equipment
Clydach Senior Citizens Social Club	£ 70.00	Flatbed scanner
Clydach Carers and Friends Group	£300.00	Wheelchair, microphone and bingo machine
Gellionnen Chapel Youth Club	£500.00	Supporting elderly and vulnerable, children's corner chapel
Clydach Cricket Football Club	£500.00	New Kit for under 6 team
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Old Blacksmith's Menshed	£500.00	Repair container roof.
Clydach Cricket Club Junior Section	£500.00	Equipment for the junior section
Glais Flying Club	£300.00	Pigeon chip and time machine
Clydach Community Garden	£500.00	Community Arts Project
Vardre RFC Mini Section	£500.00	Coaches training and playing kit.

Planning Committee

1. 25 Twyn Y Bedw, Clydach – Single Storey rear extension
 2. Mond Valley Golf Club – Enclose outdoor seating area
 3. Eithrim Uchaf Farm, Gellionen Rd, Clydach – Replacement of fire damaged dwelling
 4. Clydach Refinery – Erection of 2 prefab storage units
- Council had no issues with any of these applications

Audit Committee - (all invoices for payment are scrutinised by the Audit committee prior to presentation to full council)

	Amount	
1. Wages	£ 2,516.90	
2. Tax & NIC	£ 544.87	
3. Designz	£ 145.00	Xmas stickers
4. Plumber	£ 300.00	Office radiator
5. Amazon	£ 237.25	Crockery
6. Amazon	£ 154.22	Lights/batteries
7. Gower Trees	£ 753.60	Christmas Trees
8. Office blinds	£ 150.00	Rememb stickers
9. Selection boxes	£ 789.80	
10. JotForm upgrade	£ 216.61	Software Upgd

£ 5,808.25

205/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. The contract for the hand dryers in the main hall ends on 25th January 2023

206/2020 STAFF AND MEMBERS TRAINING: – Training has been suspended during the epidemic, but basic training is available on the One Voice Wales website and the Clerk will circulate details to all Councillors. There are online training sessions available and Councillors are encouraged to check the email and book those that interest them with the Clerk.

207/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 11th January 2021 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Facilities and Events is due to meet on 19th January 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: